

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
May 4th, 2016  
6:00 PM

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Jerry Hounshel & Commissioner Tom Joray  
Absent: All Present

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Tom Joray made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2016 Commissioner Meeting, Commissioner Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review of payroll and claims, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of April 29, 2016 in the amount of \$390,285.93, along with Claims for May 4, 2016 –including electronic checks, in the amount of \$1,560,708.83. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:** Commissioner Hounshel reported that he attending a Fair Board Meeting. Upgrades have been made to the midway electrical. Other issues include drainage and the roofs of buildings.

Kay Schwade then appeared before Commissioners to request that a Cumulative Fire Fund be put in place for the Vernon Township Fire Dept. After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to set a public hearing for this issue on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Schwade then presented a resignation on behalf of Mr. Odes Densford for the Vernon Twp Fire Board. Commissioner Hounshel read the letter to the others. Schwade informed Commissioners that Vaughn Eisenhower would be willing to serve on the board. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to appoint Vaughn Eisenhower. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Joe Peters, who was listed on the agenda, was not present.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Restricted Address Application that was brought to the Commissioner's attention by Assessor Katie Kaufman at the previous meeting will be looked into further by Attorney Susan Bevers and information will be brought to the next meeting.

Attorney Bevers also stated that she will review the issue of Middle Street in Vallonia and bring information to the next meeting.

Cypress Lake Lane Issue – Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault informed Commissioners that the drawings have been refused by Bartholomew County. Commissioner Joray stated that he would like to table this issue until the June 7 meeting, allowing time to call a Joint drainage board meeting. Tabled.

**END OF OLD BUSINESS**

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault came before Commissioners with the following:

1. The Driftwood Bridge dedication is set for May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. All is on schedule in regards to this bridge.
2. There has been no progress on the Shieldstown Covered Bridge.
3. 21.12 miles of Paving has been completed.

4. 2016 Chip & Seal- planning to complete 55.72 mile of road.
5. Reclaiming will start in May. There is currently 7 mile to complete.
6. The Highway dept is in the process of receiving uniform quotes. The department has previously used Cintas, but do to poor service are looking into other vendors.

Sheriff Mike Carothers then presented the April 2016 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Dog Dentention Report and Inmate Judicial Status Report.

Sheriff Carothers also stated that in regards to the detour on Highway 31, the detour signs have been placed at County Road 1125 and not at County Road 1100, which is what was agreed upon. Jerry Ault stated that he will look at the roads that have been affected by the misplacement and contact INDOT.

A title for a 2011 Chevrolet Capris was then presented to Commissioners to sign off on for disposal. This vehicle was previously wrecked. VIN 6G1MK5E24BL550995. Commissioner Joray made a motion to dispose of the vehicle and sign title. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard then stated that a bill from Frontier needs to be paid. This is for the installation of a Fax line at the Public Defenders Office and also the cost of the fax machine. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to pay this invoice from the old bond monies. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hubbard stated that he was informed that Jackson County Library Board member, Dan Thomas has resigned. A replacement will be sought for his spot.

Commissioner Hounshel then asked to discuss the property issue regarding Joe Peters. Plan Commissioner Conner Barnette stated that Peters has received all proper cleanup notifications. Mr Peters chose to appeal to the Commissioners. After discussion, it was decided that a fine of \$100 per day for ten days followed by a fine of \$200 for an additional ten days with a maximum of \$3000 will be implemented. Barnette is to inform Mr Peters on the decision.

Attorney Bevers then presented Commissioners with a Medicaid Reimbursement Contract for inmates. This contract is the same as the sample contract that was reviewed by Commissioners. Commissioner Joray made a motion to enter into a Medicaid Reimbursement Contract with the Division of Family Social Services Association. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then read Resolution #3, Commissioner Bill #7 by title only. This resolution is to approve the project for issuance of Series B Bond. This is for the HVAC system at the jail. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers then presented Resolution #4. This is the County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan has been approved by FEMA. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy stated that Solid Waste Management will hold a meeting at 9:00a.m. before the next Commissioners meeting.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 9:30AM.

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Matt Reedy – President

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Jerry Hounshel

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Thomas M. Joray

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest